

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended): A method of processing network-based print job-jobs, each job being comprised of at least one document including a first page 1 through a last page n, wherein a control unit receives the each print job from a one of a plurality of computer workstation workstations in a computer network and wherein the each document was created at the an associated computer workstation using an application program, the method comprising:

selectively calling, via a document processing application, a printer driver disposed on each of a plurality of computer workstations;

receiving into the control unit from each of the workstationplurality of workstations, via a data network, data instructing the control unit to initiate print of a selected cover sheet with an associated with the print job;

communicating to-with each of the plurality of workstationworkstations, from the control unit, cover sheet option data representative of print options available for the print job, which print options include paper stock and print format associated with the selected cover sheet;

generating, via each called printer driver at an associated one of the plurality of workstations, a user interface adapted to prompt an associated user with cover sheet options set by the cover sheet option data;

receiving, via each called printer driver, input from each associated user, cover specification data representative of user-selected cover sheet properties selected from the cover sheet options;

receiving, from the printer driver of each of the the plurality of workstationworkstations, the cover specification data representative of a selected set of the print options for the each associated print job;

communicating the cover specification data from each printer driver to the control unit via the network;

the control unit, in accordance with ~~the workstation~~received cover specification data, causing a printer to obtain a first sheet of paper from a first paper source specified thereby, the first sheet comprising a top cover;

the control unit determining whether the top cover is one-sided, two-sided, or blank and;

(i) if the top cover is one-sided, the control unit causing the printer to print a first page of the document on one face of the first sheet of paper;

(ii) if the top cover is two-sided, the control unit causing the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper and print a second page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper;

(iii) if the top cover is blank, the control unit causing the printer to output the first sheet of paper with a blank front face and a blank back face;

the control unit causing the printer to obtain one or more subsequent sheets of paper from a second paper source;

the control unit causing the printer to print one or more pages from a remainder of the document using the one or more subsequent sheets of paper, wherein each page of the remainder of the document is printed on only one face of each of the one or more subsequent sheets of paper.

2. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 1, wherein if the top cover is two-sided, the control unit causes the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper.

3. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 1, wherein if the top cover is two-sided, the control unit causes the printer to print a first page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper.

4. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 1, further comprising:

(a) the control unit causes the printer to obtain a last sheet of paper from the first paper source, the last sheet of paper comprising a bottom cover;

(b) the control unit causes the printer to print the last page of the document on a face of the last sheet of paper.

5. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 4, wherein the last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

6. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 4, wherein the last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

7. (Original): The method of printing a document of claim 6, wherein a second to last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

8-30. (Cancelled)

31. (New Claim): A system for processing network-based print jobs, each job being comprised of at least one document including a first page 1 through a last page n, wherein a control unit receives each print job from one of a plurality of computer workstations in a computer network and wherein each document was created at an associated computer workstation using an application program, the system comprising:

means for selectively calling, via a document processing application, a printer driver disposed on each of a plurality of computer workstations;

means for receiving into the control unit from each of the plurality of workstations, via a data network, data instructing the control unit to initiate print of a selected cover sheet with an associated print job;

means for communicating with each of the plurality of workstations, from the control unit, cover sheet option data representative of print options available for the print job, which print options include paper stock and print format associated with the selected cover sheet;

means for generating, via each called printer driver at an associated one of the plurality of workstations, a user interface adapted to prompt an associated user with cover sheet options set by the cover sheet option data;

means for receiving, via each called printer driver, input from each associated user, cover specification data representative of user-selected cover sheet properties selected from the cover sheet options;

means for receiving, from the printer driver of each of the plurality of workstations, the cover specification data representative of a selected set of the print options for each associated print job;

means for communicating the cover specification data from each printer driver to the control unit vial the network;

the control unit including means for causing a printer to obtain, in accordance with received cover specification data, a first sheet of paper from a first paper source specified thereby, the first sheet comprising a top cover;

the control unit further including means for determining whether the top cover is one-sided, two-sided, or blank and;

(i) if the top cover is one-sided, the control unit causing the printer to print a first page of the document on one face of the first sheet of paper;

(ii) if the top cover is two-sided, the control unit causing the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper and print a second page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper;

(iii) if the top cover is blank, the control unit causing the printer to output the first sheet of paper with a blank front face and a blank back face;

the control unit causing the printer to obtain one or more subsequent sheets of paper from a second paper source;

the control unit further including means for causing the printer to print one or more pages from a remainder of the document using the one or more subsequent sheets of paper, wherein each page of the remainder of the document is printed on only one face of each of the one or more subsequent sheets of paper.

32. (New Claim): The system of claim 31, wherein the control unit causes the printer to print a first page of the document on a front face of the first sheet of paper when the top cover is two-sided.

33. (New Claim): The system of claim 31, wherein the control unit causes the printer to print a first page of the document on a back face of the first sheet of paper when the top cover is two-sided.

34. (Original): The system of claim 31, wherein:

(a) the control unit causes the printer to obtain a last sheet of paper from the first paper source, the last sheet of paper comprising a bottom cover;

(b) the control unit causes the printer to print the last page of the document on a face of the last sheet of paper.

35. (Original): The system of claim 34, wherein the last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

36. (Original): The system wherein the last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.

37. (Original): The system of claim 36, wherein a second to last page of the document is printed on a front face of the last sheet of paper.